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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CASC (KHRISTOV,KHRISTO), SHUM, BU  
SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS OF KHRISTO KHRISTOV

REF: A) STATE 162270, B) SOFIA 844, C) 75 STATE 277039

1. EMBASSY REFERENCE TO KHRISTOV'S "POSSIBLE RELEASE"  
FROM PRISON BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED REF C WHICH  
RELATED KHRISTOV'S MOTHER-IN-LAW'S STATEMENT IN NOVEMBER 1975  
THAT KHRISTOV HAD TWO YEARS REMAINING ON HIS SENTENCE.

2. WHILE PREPARED TO MAKE APPROACH TO MFA AS REQUESTED  
REF A, EMBASSY WOULD POINT OUT THAT GOB HAS CONSISTENTLY  
FAILED TO RESPOND TO EMBASSY INQUIRIES OR REPRESENTATIONS  
CONCERNING BULGJIAN CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY  
HAVE LEGAL RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS IN THE US. IN PAST DISCUS-  
SIONS WITH EMBASSY, MFA OFFICIALS HAVE ASSERTED THAT SUCH  
INQUIRIES BE DIRECTED TO THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON  
BY THE INTERESTED PARTY AND THAT THE EMBASSY CANNOT PROPERLY  
INTERVENE WITH THE GOB IN CASES INVOLVING BULGARIAN CITIZENS.  
THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SEVERAL DIVIDED FAMILY CASES WHERE  
THE SPONSOR IN US WAS NOT A US CITIZEN EMBASSY STRIVEN  
TO MAKE APPROACHES TO MFA ON BASIS OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST  
OR HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS RATHERN THAN ON THE BASIS OF THE  
SPONSOR'S OR POTENTIAL TRAVELLER'S LEGAL RESIDENT ALIEN  
STATUS IN THE US. IN KHRISTOV CASE, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD  
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MAKE INQUIRY ON INFORMAL BASIS OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN  
PROMPTED BY INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY IS NOT  
OPTIMISTIC AS TO PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF APPROACH TO MFA  
ON KHRISTOV'S WHEREABOUTS.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL LENGTHY HISTORY OF GOB DISCUSSIONS  
WITH EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF CUSTODY

OF KHRISTOV'S SON LYUBOMIR. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE GOB HAS REVGNIZED THE CORRECTNESS OF USG POSITION REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP OF LYUBOMIR THOUGH, GIVEN EMBASSY INQUIRY INFO FATHER'S WHEREABOUTS, GOB MAY CHOOSE TO RENEW ITS CONTENTION THAT LYUBOMIR BE RETURNED TO BULGARIA.

4. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO LEARN KHRISTOV'S WHEREABOUTS. IN THE MEANTIME EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT CLARIFY TO PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S OFFICE OF ORANGE COUNTY BASIS FOR REF B STATEMENT REGARDING KHRISTOV'S POSSIBLE RELEASE FROM PRISON. GARTHOFF

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